GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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WADHWA COMMITTEE ON PDS
Ram Shri Purnmasi

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether comments of the Government of NCT of Delhi on the recommendations of Wadhwa Committee has since been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the action taken by the Government to ensure that the foodgrains are supplied to Public Distribution System (PDS) beneficiaries in the States and inefficiency and corruption is rooted out from PDS;

(d) whether the panel has made an adverse comment on the working of PDS in its recent report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)to(e): Yes, Madam. The report of Central Vigilance Committee (CVC) on functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in Delhi was sent to Government of Delhi on 28.09.2007. The comments and report on action taken of the Government of NCT of Delhi have been received on 02.05.2008, 25.03.2009 and 29.06.2009. The details thereof are placed at Annex-I.

Government has initiated a series of measures to streamline TPDS by

(i) continuous review of lists of BPL and AAY families and ensuring timely availability of foodgrains at fair price shops;

(ii) ensuring greater transparency in functioning of TPDS;

(iii) improved monitoring and vigilance at various levels;

(iv) introduction of new technologies such as Computerization of TPDS operations at various levels, smart-card-based delivery of essential commodities, and

(v) getting periodically evaluated functioning of TPDS.